

## Message Text

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S E C R E T LONDON 00305

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: MARR, IR, MU  
SUBJECT: IRANIANS REPORTED REDUCING FORCES IN OMAN

DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 7 LUCAS, HEAD OF FCO  
MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT, TOLD EMBOFF IRANIANS HAVE IN-  
FORMED OMANIS THAT IRANIAN CONTINGENT IN OMAN WILL BE  
REDUCED TO NO MORE THAN 700. LUCAS CONSIDERED THIS TO BE  
A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE BODY  
OF IRANIAN TROOPS IN OMAN HAD NOW BECOME AN UNNECESSARY  
IRRITANT TO OMAN'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER ARABS. LUCAS  
ALSO NOTED THAT, WHILE HE HAD NO INDICATION THAT THE  
SAUDIS HAD NEGOTIATED THE REDUCTION, IT WOULD BE CON-  
SISTENT WITH SAUDI EFFORTS TO PROPITIATE PDRY. LUCAS  
ALSO WONDERED TO WHAT DEGREE THE REDUCTION MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN STIMULATED BY AN IRANIAN CASH FLOW PROBLEM.

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